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# News Release

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## Travel Restrictions on Non-mission Essential Travel in EUCOM AOR

**STUTTGART, Germany** – U.S. European Command has issued a travel restriction for Department of Defense (DOD) personnel to avoid non-mission essential travel to Munich, Germany on June 4 and Garmisch-Partenkirchen from June 7-8, due to potential violent demonstrations. Protests are scheduled at both locations during these dates as the result of the G7 Summit.

The G7 Summit is an annual meeting of the heads of state from seven leading industrial nations: United States of America, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Japan, Canada, and Germany. This year's summit will be hosted by Angela Merkel, German Chancellor at Schloss Elmau in the Bavarian Alps near Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Anti-globalization activists and other activists against the G7 summit announced a series of protests with attendance expected to number in the thousands. Due to the size of these protests and the possibility of violence, Commander of U.S. European Command has directed travel restrictions for all DOD personnel in Munich, Germany on June 4 and Garmisch-Partenkirchen from June 7-8. DOD Family members, sponsored personnel and contractors are strongly encouraged to avoid these restricted areas.

DOD Personnel will avoid any areas of public demonstration throughout Germany during June 4-8, 2015. Personnel stationed at or who reside near these locations will be restricted to mission essential travel and tasks only during these dates.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Are there any credible threats or intelligence regarding the G7 Summit?** No, historically these summits have been protested by anti-globalization activist in large numbers and have turned violent in the past. The Commander of U.S. European Command's top priority is the safety and security of all assigned personnel.

**2. Can personnel stationed in Europe travel through the restricted areas during these dates?** All travel in and around these locations is restricted. At a minimum, all personnel should plan accordingly for these demonstration dates, most likely due to road closures, traffic delays and heightened security measures.

**3. How many protestors are expected to attend the Munich and Garmisch-Partenkirchen demonstrations?** The approved demonstrations by the German government for protests in Munich, Germany are expected to exceed 10,000 protestors. The approved demonstration in Garmisch-Partenkirchen expects 5,000-10,000 protestors.